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BY GAINES

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the inspection and copying of certain vital
2 statistics records.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 144.43, subsection 3, Code 2017, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. ~~However,~~ Notwithstanding any provision of law to the
4 contrary, the following vital statistics records may be
5 inspected and copied as of right under chapter 22 when they are
6 in the custody of a county registrar or when they are in the
7 custody of the state archivist and are at least ~~seventy-five~~
8 fifty years old:

- 9 a. A record of birth.
10 b. A record of marriage.
11 c. A record of divorce, dissolution of marriage, or
12 annulment of marriage.
13 d. A record of death ~~if that death was not a fetal death.~~

14 EXPLANATION

15 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 This bill amends certain exceptions to the prohibition
18 against the inspection and copying of vital statistics
19 records in the custody of the county registrar or the state
20 archivist for records of birth; marriage; divorce, dissolution
21 of marriage, or annulment of marriage; and death. The bill
22 reduces, from at least 75 years to at least 50 years, the age of
23 the vital statistics record that may be inspected and copied.
24 The bill also amends the reference to a record of death to
25 eliminate the exclusion relating to records of death of a fetal
26 death thereby allowing records of fetal death to be inspected
27 and copied if the other requirements are met.